

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claim 10 is objected to for informalities. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dent, U.S. Patent No. 5,673,291 and under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ramberg, U.S. Patent No. 6,741,638. Claims 8-9 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-6 and 10-13 are allowed. Applicant appreciates Examiner's recognition of patentable subject matter.

Claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claim 10 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner solely to correct for informalities.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 7. Accordingly, claim 8, and claim 9 depending therefrom, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

For the reasons set forth above, allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-13 is requested.

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